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NEW DELHI FOR SENATOR PERCY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (CARTER, MRS. LILLIAN)
SUBJ: USDEL TO AHMED FUNERAL, POSSIBLE STOP IN JORDAN

REF: SAM 86970 DTG 121940Z FEB 77, STATE 032729

1. ALL OF US HERE APPRECIATE YOUR EXTREMELY THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTION THAT USDEL TO AHMED FUNERAL MIGHT STOP OFF IN AMMAN ON A CONDOLENCE VISIT TO KING HUSSEIN. AFTER CAREFUL REFLECTION, WE RELUCTANLY AGREE WITH CONSIDERATIONS IN DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE TO YOU. VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE COUNTRY HAS COME TO AMMAN TO CONDOLE KING HUSSEIN. IN ADDITION, MANY ARAB HEADS OF STATE HAVE COME OR SEND HIGH RANKING DELEGATIONS HERE WHICH HAVE SEVERELY TAXED GOVERNMENT'S PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND KING'S WELL KNOWN STAMINA AND COURAGE. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ONLY SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT, BUT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ONE SCHEDULED FROM FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER AND THEN GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER, ALL OF WHICH WE PRESUME WILL GO AHEAD. IN ADDITION, WE HAD ALREADY ENVISAGED THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY PERSONAL CONDOLENCES FROM HIM
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AND THE PRESIDENT TO KING HUSSEIN, COMING AS IT DOES SO CLOSE TO THE TRAGIC EVENT.

2. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT AND THE WILLINGNESS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER AND HIS SON, TO COME HERE. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD OUR PERSONAL THANKS TO THOSE OF THE SECRETARY AND

THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR KINDNESS IN INDICATING THEY
ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A GRACIOUS GESTURE.
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